Making education more playful and less monotonous

599. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated certain measures to make education more playful and less monotonous in the primary classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the other measures Government propose to evolve to explore creativity and create environment for out-door play etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The National Curriculm Framework (NCF) 2005 and the new textbooks, developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) emphasize joyful learning in primary classes. Under the ongoing programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, special thrust has been given to child centered teaching-learning strategies by way of activity based teaching materials and textbooks, orientation of teachers through regular annual training programmes and appropriate academic guidance and supervision by cluster and block resource centres to schools and teachers.

Unregistered foreign universities

600. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of foreign universities in the country which are not registered by AICTE;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of foreign universities which are registered by AICTE; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to monitor these foreign Universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the Regulations for entry and operations of foreign